

and visiting with her grandchildren embody genuine and honorable values.

After graduating from St. John of God Elementary School and Lourdes High School, Josephine's experience in child care, banking, and at Dominick's enabled her to serve the community and its residents. During this time, she also nurtured and raised five children (Cheryl, Stephen, David, Kristen, and Melissa) and is currently the grandmother of six grandchildren (Zack, Andrew, Dakota, Emily, Kristina, and Nicholas).

Josephine's patience, kindness, and ability proved to be invaluable in the workplace, but also at home. As an outstanding parent, she imparted these important values to her children and grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to stand with me today and take this opportunity to recognize Josephine Catherine Gajda for her many achievements, and wish her well in retirement. As Josephine truly sets an example to the Third District, we also thank her for her role in making our community a better place to live.

HONORING PRAVEEN CHAUDHARI

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize a good friend and leader in the advanced research community, the retiring director of the Brookhaven National Laboratory, Dr. Praveen Chaudhari.

I am deeply proud to represent BNL and its dedicated employees. I have thoroughly enjoyed my working relationship with Dr. Chaudhari, who is a world-class physicist running a world-class research facility. It is an honor and privilege for me to recognize his numerous accomplishments, steadfast dedication and hard work throughout a distinguished research career dedicated to the advancement of science.

Dr. Chaudhari entered the field of physics by earning a B.S. from the Indian Institute of Technology as well as an M.S. and Sc.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He applied this knowledge to research and the publication of over 150 technical papers and 20 patents throughout 36 years as an IBM scientist, manager, and recipient of numerous honors for his contributions to innovative scientific technology.

Through three years at the helm of the Brookhaven National Laboratory, Dr. Chaudhari persevered over many challenges while making tremendous progress in advanced energy research and technology. His tenacity and firm resolve have proven to be among BNL's most invaluable assets. I have witnessed his leadership and determination first-hand, particularly as the lab moved forward with break-through research projects such as the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider and the National Synchrotron Light Source-II (NSLS-II).

It was my pleasure to work closely with Dr. Chaudhari and my colleagues in New York's congressional delegation to help BNL advance its mission. On behalf of New York's first congressional district, I extend my gratitude and congratulations to Dr. Chaudhari for a brilliant

career along with best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors. His vision and passion for scientific discovery will always be remembered, and his outstanding advocacy and leadership will be missed.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES FACING THE CARIBBEAN UNDER GLOBALIZATION

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the challenges facing Caribbean countries, and their leadership and to acknowledge the vital roles they play in the global community. As an example of the richness of the thinking in the region on the challenges faced by small states in their transition to the global economy, I enter in the RECORD a speech delivered by His Excellency Michael King, Ambassador of Barbados to the United States of America and Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States. Comments made by Ambassador King were part of his address to the annual general meeting of the Caribbean Conservation Association (CCA), a membership organization dedicated to the preservation of Caribbean cultural and natural resources, held Friday, February 3, 2006.

Currently, the Caribbean region is undergoing a transformation, but changes could come with a steep price. Countries such as Jamaica and Barbados have seen a boom in real estate, primarily for local housing development and further growth will necessarily be contingent on the greater exploitation of natural resources. In Trinidad, the lucrative oil windfall may open opportunities for industrialization which will not only use scarce resources but will bring up concerns regarding safe disposal of waste byproducts and health ramifications in nearby communities. Natural disasters also pose a challenge as the Caribbean and the United States observed with the destruction of Grenada in 2004 by Hurricane Ivan. All governments must boost their preparedness in order to prevent devastation to families, homes and businesses.

In his remarks, Ambassador King explains that because of the CCA's unique mission, they are in a position to outreach to members who can influence change. "Having gone through a period of dormancy, the organization must act quickly not just to confirm its relevance but to provide the mechanism whereby it can become the catalyst for a resurgence of the environmental movement in the Caribbean," Ambassador King said in his remarks. The Ambassador suggests continued collaboration between CCA and organizations dedicated to promoting agriculture and tourism in order to boost CCA's efficiency. He also recommends CCA becoming a vehicle for interventions related to community-based educational programs and alliances with fledgling non-governmental organizations working in the field.

Mr. Speaker, again please join me in acknowledging the merit of Ambassador King's remarks regarding the challenges facing the Caribbean in this era of globalization and what can be done to protect and preserve the Caribbean's cultural resources and environment.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK EGGER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank Egger of Fairfax, CA, who recently completed 10 terms—40 years—on the Fairfax City Council, including seven stints as mayor. The longest continuously serving city council member in the State, Frank's tenure was marked by his environmental activism and his passion for his town.

A San Francisco native, Frank lived in Santa Rosa for several years where he met his wife, Ronita Sundin, while modeling at a fashion show at the Flamingo Hotel. The couple moved to Fairfax in 1959 to raise their daughter Lori, who now has two children of her own. Frank left college to support his family and spent 44 years driving a bread truck for Sara Lee. He became active in North Bay labor issues, fighting for the rights of blue-collar workers, and eventually served as president of Teamsters Local No. 484.

In the 1960s Frank began his life's calling as an activist in both State and local issues when he perceived the environmental threats facing California and when a graceful Victorian bank in his hometown was replaced by a modern building.

Frank cofounded Friends of the Eel River, preventing the building of the Dos Rios Dam and is still fighting water diversions that could harm that stream's fisheries. He has had long working relationships with environmental pioneers including David Brower, Todd Steiner, Marty Griffin, and the late Peter Behr—with whom he developed the California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, signed into law by Governor Reagan. He also served as one of the State's first coastal commissioners, spearheaded a State antinuclear initiative, and is a member of the statewide Environmental Health Legislative Working Group Pesticide Committee.

Locally, Frank was active in many key groups including the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority, GGNRA Board of Control, Marin County Congestion Management Agency, Marin Telecommunications Agency, and many others over his 40-year tenure. He has also been a fixture at meetings dealing with water issues in both Marin and Sonoma counties.

However, he will be most remembered for his leadership in preserving Fairfax's small-town character through his role in slowing its development and safeguarding its environment and the wages of its workforce. He was instrumental in the creation of the 500-acre Elliot Nature Preserve, enactment of strict antipesticide ordinances and a high living-wage law, and protection of the historic 23-acre Marin Town and Country Club from large-scale development.

In the cauldron of local politics, all would agree that Frank acted out of conviction for his town, for the environment, and for the well being of workers.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have worked with Frank Egger, a brave and caring activist, whose years of service are an inspiration to all of us who believe in fighting for our values and speaking out for progressive causes. I know he will continue this fight, and I intend to be by his side.